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## TRUMAN, CHURCHILL HERE APR. 1

### Enrollment Now Five Thousand; Drop Expected

#### 4,500 Level Expected To Be Reached Soon; Vets Enrollment Off

Preliminary estimates for the Spring Term of 1949 show that the total number of students at Technology is about five thousand. Of these, approximately thirty-eight hundred are undergraduates and twelve hundred are graduates. The largest class, Juniors, total eleven hundred students.

#### Enrollment Leveling Off

Enrollment is now in a state of stabilizing flux. The peak enrollment has slacked back to a more normal level, but Joseph C. MacKinnon, Registrar, doubts that the pre-war complement of three thousand students will be approached unless a serious recession occurs. If the present trend continues, the student body will level to near forty-five hundred. Continuing, he explains that definite predictions are impossible because of the many factors involved.

One fact is definite. The admission standards of the Institute have not and will not be changed. Enrollment is determined by the number of qualified applicants.

#### Veterans On Decrease

Veteran enrollment accounted for a great deal of the expanded student body in the past few years, the Junior and Senior classes being composed of over 50% veterans; however, the effects of the war are beginning to wear away as far as enrollment is concerned. The Sophomore class represents the first sharp drop in veteran proportion, 35%; and the freshman class is a mere 17% veteran.

Partially balancing the decrease in veteran enrollment is the increase in transfer students. Until this year, the Institute was unable to accommodate any transfer applicants.

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Miss LACE for the CITIZEN GENERALS AND ADMIRALS AT M.I.T. and ESPECIALLY FOR READERS OF "THE TECH" with best wishes from

MILTON CAIFFI  
20 JAN. 1949  
N.Y.C.



Culminating its membership drive, the monthly meeting of THE TECH staff will be held today at 5:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. The speaker will be Mr. John H. Crider, editor-in-chief of the BOSTON HERALD. Although the meeting will cover some regular business, the major attraction will be Mr. Crider, who will talk on the value and uses of a college newspaper. All students interested in working on THE TECH, please attend this meeting. Even if you don't join the staff, the hour or two will be well worth your time. To illustrate the advantages of working on THE TECH, the above picture has been printed to show what THE TECH can do for YOU. Miss Lace was the feature attraction in the army strip, Male Call.

### Festival Planned By Students From NSA

Four delegates and several other NSA members from Technology are scheduled to attend the second regional meeting of the NSA this weekend at Fort Devens.

It is expected that much of the work of the conference will be directed toward planning a Boston area Festival, to be held in the latter part of April.

Delegates from the Institute are Earl W. Eames, Jr., Lloyd A. Haynes, Yenwith K. Whitney, all '49, and Donald J. Eberly, '50.

All men interested in joining the Pershing Rifles are requested to be present at a special meeting on Wednesday, February 16, at 5:00 P.M. in Room 1-987. Prospective candidates for membership should wear regular R.O.T.C. uniforms.

### Smaller Departments Offer Exhibits; To Serve In Frosh Course Selection

One of the most fascinating of the frequent exhibits to be presented in the lobby of Building 7 is now on display. Seven of the Institute's departments, for the most part those with small enrolments, have material on view with the object of getting students interested in taking the courses represented.

The spectators, however, range from freshmen to Professors. Wise seniors gather around the exhibits spouting mechanical, electrical, and biological explanations which they have learned through hard experience; and freshmen listen in awe!

The policy of the several departments was to offer items that would attract interest at first sight. The Geology Department is showing the ever-popular effect of ultraviolet light on the fluorescence of certain minerals as well as a topographical map of the Northeast. The Metallurgy Department's display includes the "mystery of the wheel turned by heat and magnetism," a turbojet engine of a P-80 which incorporates into its construction alloys of

columbium, tungsten, cobalt nickel and tantalum, a radioactivity indicator with an audio Geiger counter, an X-ray diffraction unit, and last but not least the well-known "jumping metal set-up."

Course VII, Biology, illustrates how Emission Spectrography can be used as a Biological tool to determine quantitatively and qualitatively the amounts of trace metals present in the human body. In addition the method of submerged growth of microorganisms and several electron microscope pictures are on display.

Course XX's exhibit shows what three square meals consist of, with all the components neatly packed in glass bottles. In the field of aeronautics, Course XVI displays structural design, instrumentation, and aircraft design. The exhibit of the Building Engineering and Construction has some of the material used for construction on display, but the rest of the exhibit stresses the training and opportunities afforded by the course.

### Juniors Will Raise Rockwell Rafters In Stag Mug-Lift

"Lift your mug at the Junior Mug-Lift." That's the motto of this year's Junior stag party, dubbed by the Juniors as the Mug-Lift, which will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, in the Rockwell Cage.

Five-inch high beer mugs engraved with a slightly tipsy beaver will serve both as containers and as favors for the party. Beginning next Monday, when the tickets will go on sale, a mammoth replica of the Mug to be used at the Mug-lift will be displayed in the lobby of Building 10. Since the Committee's budget is yet to be approved by the Institute Committee, the price of the tickets has not been determined; however, since the party is designed to operate at a loss, the prices will be kept reasonable.

#### For Juniors Only

Tickets will be sold through Juniors only. In order that the correct number of beer mugs may be ordered, it is urged that the Juniors get their tickets as soon as possible after the tickets go on sale.

#### Movies, Singing

Entertainment plans, which are not yet completed, include a jazz combo, movies, a wiener roast, and group singing. A twenty by twelve foot class banner made of cotton bunting will be included in the decorations. The banner was purchased in November with class funds for class parties and reunions and was used during the Junior Prom weekend.

#### Help Wanted

Due to the work involved in the Junior Prom and in an effort to get more men participating in the activities of the class, the Class of '50 Executive Committee decided to form a special committee for the Mug-Lift. The committee is headed by Jack Weaver and consists of Peter Baker, Don Lea, Nat Roosin, and Jack Stewart. Juniors interested in working with the committee should contact Jack Weaver or Jim Baker in the dormitories.

### Undergrads Will Serve As Ushers, Honor Guard At Coming Convocation

Student ushers and a Guard of Honor of 200 Seniors will be needed at the Mid-Century Convocation and Presidential Inauguration, March 31 to April 2. The Institute has set up an undergraduate committee, headed by Otto Kirchner, '49, to arrange the details of the plan.

#### FSSP Delegates Visit Washington

##### State, Commerce Depts. Interested in Project

By request of Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, Earl W. Eames, Jr., and Lloyd A. Haynes, both seniors, paid a visit to Washington, D. C. last Friday and consulted with several ranking members of the Departments of State and Commerce.

The two Seniors informed members of these departments, appointed by President Truman, to delve further into aspects of his "bold new program," of the activities of the Foreign Student Summer Project. Eames and Haynes reported that they were well received and found a great interest in the project wherever they went.

Recent developments in China have forced a cancellation of that nation from the list of 27 countries being invited to next summer's seminar. From the Far East, representation is expected from Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. Israel, Egypt, and Lebanon have been invited from the Near East.

The same 18 European countries as last year have been invited to attend the project.

Among the foremost speakers who will be present at the Convocation is President Truman who will open the event by addressing the guests on March 31. Later that same evening the Honorable Winston Churchill will also deliver an address. The academic delegates and Harvard University will be represented by Dr. James B. Conant, President of the University.

#### Student Ushers Needed

Any student interested in returning early from the scheduled spring vacation to take advantage of the opportunity to participate may apply at the Admissions Office from Tuesday afternoon, February 15, through Friday, February 19. Priority will be given to men signing up for all three days of the convocation but students are urged to apply for any one or more of the morning, afternoon, or evening sessions.

#### Truman, Churchill Will Speak

Tentative plans for the convocation and inauguration program are as follows: an opening address by Dr. Compton, 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 31; and an address by the Honorable Winston Churchill, 8:30 p.m., Thursday. Panel discussions led by the foremost scientific and educational figures of the world will be held on Friday. The discussions

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### TFC Acquires Two Amphibians, Bring Cessna Into Briggs Field

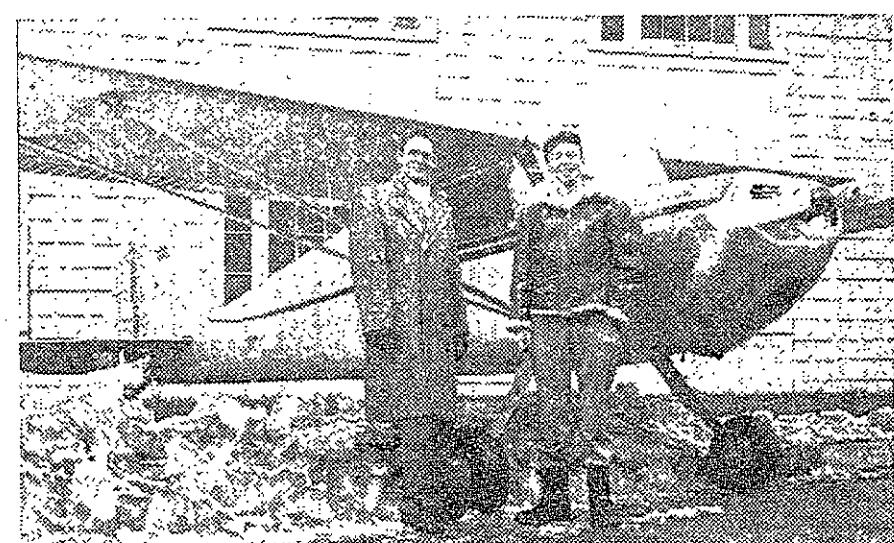


Photo by Pence

"Buck" Nippe, left, set this plane in on Briggs field and taxied up Massachusetts Ave. behind a police escort to the parking lot. Tom Cuthbert, retired president of the club, right, beams triumphantly at the accomplishment.

Two navy amphibians, J2F-6's elected vice president of the Flying Club, made most of the arrangement for Leonard O. Nippe, '50, newly elected president, of the club, to land one of the Club's planes on Briggs field. From there, a police escort led it up Vassar Street and Massachusetts Avenue into the parking lots beside the Aeronautics building, where the plane was parked last week.

Since the single float amphibians have 1,200 h.p. power plants, they will be used mainly for ground training and orientation purposes. The recently acquired planes are expected to be at Beverly airport within two weeks.

Cessna Lands on Briggs Field Alfred R. Paashaus, '31, newly

selected vice president of the Flying Club, made most of the arrangement for Leonard O. Nippe, '50, newly elected president, of the club, to land one of the Club's planes on Briggs field. From there, a police escort led it up Vassar Street and Massachusetts Avenue into the parking lots beside the Aeronautics building, where the plane was parked last week.

Speaking of an easy life, two club members, Edward H. Jacobsen, '50, Operations Manager, and Charles E. Richbourg, '50, a Club instructor, flew one of the Cessna 140's to Florida during vacation.

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## HOUSING TROUBLES

This editorial is a bit tardy; due to the completion of the new Senior House the conditions which prompted it will be alleviated. Nevertheless, it is something we feel should be voiced, and not glossed over. When the barracks dormitory was originally established, a small sentence was put in the catalogue which stated that a priority list for those entering the dorms would be drawn up according to the amount of time spent in Building 22. If at the end of the year, all of the rooms available in the dormitories were assigned to building 22 residents, it would be fairly safe to say that practically all the people who had spent one year in the barracks would have gotten dorm rooms if they desired them.

This, however is not the case. In the first place, any Junior or Senior has priority over a Building 22 man for a dorm room. Anyone with a good medical reason can get a dorm room. As well, anyone who can get in with one or two established residents will be allowed to enter according to the dorm board's policy of building up congenial living groups. Finally, there are any number of illegitimate methods of gaining entrance, strictly without the province of any of those mentioned. One such method, as practiced towards the end of last term, is to get a friend in the dorms to go down with you to the manager and say that you wish to room together. The manager permits this, and you have only to pay thirty-five dollars or so room rent for the rest of the term. You need not, however, live with your friend; when the end of the term comes you find a little card in your box asking what room you want next term. When you are in, you're in.

A good sob story to one of the managers has been known to do the trick, making a pest of yourself has also unlocked the mystical doors. The sum total of the influx from all the aforementioned sources has filled all the dorm rooms long before the managers get around to assigning them to people who have lived in 22 for one year.

So, what is the percentage in living in 22? A lot of people have lived in the barracks under the misapprehension that they are getting closer to a dorm room by doing so. The crux of the whole matter is, that there never was and is not now a priority list, per se. There never was really any need for one.

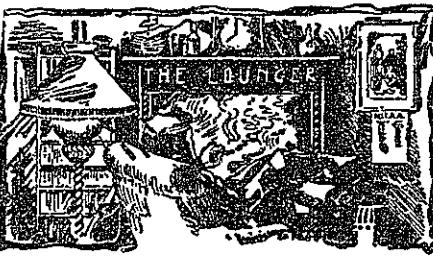
There were two decent solutions to the problem. The qualifications for dorm residents coming from building 22 could have been rigidly enforced (With the possible exception of medical cases) or the fallacious idea of a priority established by living in 22 could be stricken from the catalogues and the bulletins of the dormitory board. Of course, we think the former would not work; the latter and more practical solution would probably have been better.

An interesting sidelight on the situation is the singular fact that out of about fifty some-odd vacancies occurring in the dormitories just this last term, due mainly to the large percentage of Juniors failing to meet academic standards, six vacancies managed to filter through to Building 22.

As we stated at the beginning, the expanded dorm facilities offered by the new Senior House will probably clear up the housing situation. (We note that the dorm board is reserving rooms in the dormitories, including the new Senior House for next year's Freshmen.)

## A FORWARD STEP

With this issue, The Tech inaugurates the exclusive publication of the Institute's Calendar of Events in these pages. By the resultant distribution of the official undergraduate newspaper to the staff, we feel that there has been a major step forward step in our campaign to make The Tech truly a school-wide organ. As another new feature, The Tech will print in every Tuesday issue a social calendar of all events for the coming weekend.



## AFTER HOURS

Items for the Greater Boston collegiate social calendar may be inserted in The Tech by writing to the Features Editor giving all pertinent information about the event. The address is Room 309, Walker Memorial, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## DANCES

THURSDAY, February 17

YMCA Stag Dance, 316 Huntington Avenue; 90c to non members, 60c to members. 8:30 p.m. These are held every Thursday.

FRIDAY, February 18

Boston University General College—Practical Arts and Letters stag dance. 60c at door. 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Boston University College of Liberal Arts Couples' Dance, Hotel Sheridan. \$2.50 per couple.

Tickets available at the BU branch colleges. Semi-formal.

YWCA Business and Industrial Girls Stag Dance, YWCA Auditorium, 140 Clarendon St. 90c at door. 8:30 p.m. These are held every Friday. All the girls are Y members.

Boston City Club College Stag Dance, at back of State House. \$1.20 stag, \$1.90 couple. 8:30 to 12:00 p.m. Every Wednesday and Saturday.

SATURDAY, February 19

YWCA Stag Dance, 140 Clarendon Street. 90c at door. 8:00 p.m. Open to all; may have non-Y girls. Held every Saturday.

Chamberlain Junior College, Miss Sherman's Secretarial School, and Stratford Secretarial School—Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball, Princess Ballroom, Hotel Somerset, Commonwealth Avenue. No Tickets; free. 8:00 p.m. Two hundred girls. Men can wear informal or costume dress. Prizes for costumes and a Queen will be chosen.

YMCA Youth Division Dance, 316 Huntington Avenue. 80c to non members, 50c to members at door. 8:30 p.m. Intended for ages 17 to 20. Held every Saturday night. Boston City Club see Wednesday's entry.

MONDAY, February 21

Newman Club Pre Holiday Dance. At Hotel Continental. \$1.20, stags or couples, at door. 8:30 p.m.

## SPORTS

TUESDAY, February 15

Collegiate Basketball double header, Boston Arena. George-

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## Fraternity Findings

By Joe Fleming and Ed Stringham  
 A wide variety of bid parties, ranging from formal to custom dances, have been planned by the fraternities.

Phi Kappa Spring Formal—opening the season of tails and gowns on February 26.

Sigma Nu White Rose Formal—with low lights and soft music at the Somerset Hotel, March 12th.

ATO Parisian Party — with a candlelight cafe atmosphere and French costumes at the Cambridge Boat Club, March 5th.

Theta Delt Out House Orgy—when the mountain folks congregate for moonshine and hillbilly music—March 12th.

Phi Delt Hell Dance—duplicating the lower terrestrial regions but with internal instead of infernal fires—March 19th.

Deke Gay Nineties Party — in traditional replica of the prohibition "hey days" and with extra significance as a "welcome back" party—in April.

Delta Upsilon Carnival — with penny tossing, ball throwing, strength testing, and more, all with prizes, beer and other refreshments—in April.

Phi Gam Cowboy Party — the silver dollar crew drops in for a little cow punching, drinking, and dice rolling—on April 23rd.

Phi Beta Epsilon Bid Dance—with an eye to the far distant future and for the promotion of pleasure on May 7th.

## HOLIDAY

An Adventure in Good Smoking

Aromatic in the pack

Aromatic in the pipe

## HOLIDAY

Pipe Mixture

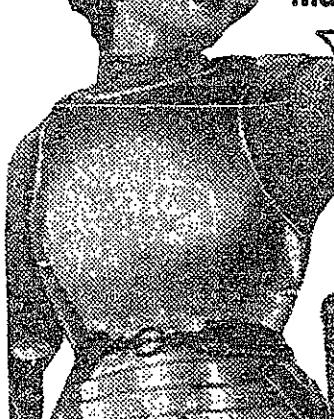
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The companies and courses are as follows:

Air Industries, Inc., Arlington, Va.; VI.

Aluminum Company of America, New Kensington, Pa.; II, III.

Arrow Safety Device Co., Mount Holly, New Jersey; II.

Boston Envelope Co., Dedham, Mass.; II.

California Research Corp., San Francisco, Calif.; VIII, XIII.

Allen B. Du Mont Lab. Inc., Passaic, New Jersey; VI.

Laboratory of Electronics Inc., Boston, Mass.; VI, VIII.

Experimental Towing Tank, Hoboken, New Jersey; II, XIII.

Florence Stove Co., Gardner, Mass.; XV, II.

Ford Instrument Co., Long Island City, L. I., N. Y.; VI.

L. Grossman Sons, Inc., Quincy, Mass.; I, XVII.

Headquarters Camp Lee, Camp Lee, Va.; II, VI.

Hood Rubber Co., Watertown, Mass.; X.

Hughes Aircraft Co., Culver City, Calif.; II, XVI.

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Picker X-Ray Corp., New York, New York; XV.

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Joseph T. Ryerson & Sons, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.; I, XVII.

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Sanborn Co., Cambridge, Mass.; VI.

Shaw Walker Co., Boston, Mass.; XV.

Smith, Kline & French Lab., Philadelphia, Pa.; XV.

Spencer-Kennedy Lab., Inc., Cambridge, Mass.; VI.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Upper Darby, Pa.; I.

Y.M.C.A., Boston, Mass.; All engi-neering students.

## Enrollment

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cants except in very unusual circumstances.

Information regarding the number of students who have failed to meet the minimum scholastic requirements is completely confidential data and cannot be released. Mr. MacKinnon discredits some rumors which circulate with considerable credence among the student body: 1. There is no policy, statistical or otherwise, which requires an approximate number of flunks in each class each term. The ax falls only where students fail to meet minimum requirements. It is perfectly possible for any class to pass through all eight terms with no one eliminated. 2. Speculations concerning the number of heads that fall are often overestimations. According to Mr. MacKinnon, the failures are a minor percentage of any group.

## Reviews & Previews

It is too bad that so few students take much of an interest in what goes on at the Institute over the weekends. For the most part, it is their own loss. Last Friday and Saturday, for instance, the Staff Players performance was attended by large numbers of faculty and administration members, and small numbers of students.

We can only say that anyone who missed the Staff Players' offering of J. B. Pritchard's "Laburnum Grove" without good reason not only is lacking a bare minimum of school spirit (such as it is around here) but also missed (a) a fine show, and (b) a slice of birthday cake. The birthday cake was in honor of the fifteenth anniversary of the Staff Players nee Faculty Drama Club, and the fine show was the fruit of the efforts of some thirty or so members of the organization.

### Excellent Acting

No one would deny that the Players are an amateur group, and their weakness was in the difficult matter of line memorization. On the other hand, the quality of the acting was excellent; we have seen much less convincing performances from far more pretentious groups. It was good to see actors who really looked their parts naturally. With the exception of Joe Fletch played by William Siebert, an oldish man played by a youngish actor, alterations to the players' physiognomy was at a minimum. Rather than comment on individuals, we would like to offer one big thanks to the whole cast. (Continued on Page 6)

## Flying Club

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where they spent their leisure—described as "Wow" by Richbourg.

"Aerodynamics for Pilots," will be the topic of a lecture given by Professor Otto C. Koppen of the Aeronautics department next Monday, February 21, in Room 4-270, at 5:00 p.m. Following this special event of the TFC's new ground school, CAA films will be shown. Similar programs are planned twice every Monday, at 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. Anyone interested is invited to the TFC's ground school and to their membership rally on the day after Washington's birthday in Room 4-370 at 5:00 P.M. Thirty minutes of special CAA films (starring Robert Taylor) will be shown at the rally. Anyone desiring a ride out to Beverly Airport over the February 22 holiday to look over the Flying Club operations, may obtain same by contacting TFC members.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 22

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Faculty Meeting. Huntington Hall, Room 10-250, 3:15 p.m.

Geology Department. Harvard-M.I.T. Geological Conference. "Recent Developments in Helium Age Measurement." Dr. P. M. Hurley. Room 24-323, 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Club. "Position of a Catholic in a Psychiatric World." Dr. Thomas E. Caulfield. Room 6-120, 5:00 p.m.

Faculty Pistol Club. Pistol practice. Rifle Range, 5:00 p.m.

Pershing Rifles. Company C-8 will meet in Room 20E-009, 5:05 p.m.

Chemistry Department. Harvard-M.I.T. Physical Chemistry Colloquium:

"Measurement of Some Paleotemperatures." Professor Harold C. Urey, University of Chicago. Room B-23, Mallinckrodt Laboratory, Harvard University, 8:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Faculty Club. Luncheon meeting. "Some Observations on Europe." Dr. Harold C. Urey, Institute for Nuclear Studies, University of Chicago. Campus Room, Graduate House, 12:00 noon.

Spectroscopy Laboratory. Seminar: "Recent Developments in Atomic-Beam Research." Dr. Jerrold R. Zacharias. Room 8-119, 3:00 p.m.

Physics Department. Colloquium: "Impurity Levels and Surface States in Solids." Dr. John C. Slater. Room 6-120, 4:30 p.m.

Faculty Pistol Club. Pistol Practice. Rifle Range, 5:00 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Mechanical Engineering Department. Seminar: "Dynamics of Gas Turbine Control." M. S. Silberstein. Room 3-470, 4:00 p.m. Coffee will be served at Headquarters from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Musical Clubs. Joint Glee Club Concert with Radcliffe Choral Society. Morss Hall, Walker Memorial, 8:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Civil and Sanitary Engineering Department. Sanitary Engineering Seminar: "Recent Researches in Milk and Food Sanitation." Dr. Murray P. Horwood. Room 1-236, 1:00 p.m.

Technology Dames. "Materials and Techniques in Sculpture." Franz Denghausen, Sculptor, Costano Galleries. Emma Rogers Room, 2:30 p.m.

Research Laboratory of Electronics. Seminar: "Statistical Theory of Information." Dr. Robert M. Fano. Room 6-120, 8:00 p.m.

Classes of 1951 and 1952. Minstrel Show and Dance. Walker Memorial, 8:15 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Washington's Birthday. Holiday.

Model Railroad Club. General business meeting. Room 20E-216, 5:15 p.m.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Applications for undergraduate scholarships must be filed before February 18.

## EXHIBITIONS

The salon prints of Egon C. J. Egone of Brookline will be on display in the basement of Building 11 through February 20.

An exhibit of documentary prints by Jules Aarons of Newton will be shown in the basement of Building 11 from February 21 through March 13.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Calendar of Events is published weekly on Tuesday in THE TECH, and contains announcements for the following week. It is sent without charge to all members of the staff, heads of B.I.C. projects, as well as to the leaders of various organizations. A separate listing of the Calendar of Events will be mailed to others for one dollar a year, payable in advance at Room 7-204.

Announcements, typewritten and signed, must be in the Office of the Editor, Room 7-204, not later than noon on Thursday prior to publication date. Material for the Calendar, February 23 to March 1 is due February 17.

## Boston Baedeker

### Exhibits

Greater Boston has more museums than any other city in the United States save New York, yet most of us live here oblivious of their presence. Admittedly the Museum of Fine Arts on Huntington Avenue, housing a collection of Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Near Eastern, European and American art and paintings, is well attended. Also the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum on the Fenway, housing an amazing array of old masters, sculpture, tapestries, stained glass, furniture, flowers and other objects, receives its fair share of the public. Yet two of the finest museums go comparatively undiscovered: they are both part of Harvard University and located near the Yard.

The second museum, even more neglected than the Fogg, is the Germanic Museum. It houses German art and covers the period from the early ecclesiastical sculpture of the thirteenth century to the Bauhaus movement of the late twenties. The majority of the collection is devoted to plaster casts of statues from such famous German cathedrals as Strassburg. The museum also contains a baroque organ of the type that Bach used; this instrument is used every Sunday morning by Mr. Biggs in his weekly radio organ recitals. This month the museum also contains an exhibit of the works of the Dutch-American architect Mies van der Rohe; this exhibit is nearly identical to the one which only a few weeks ago was shown in our Building 7.

The Fogg Museum of Art, on Quincy Street, contains examples of Romanesque and Gothic sculpture, and paintings, drawings and prints of the last six centuries. It also always has a special exhibit on show. At present this exhibit includes two types of art. The first is the art of printing, and the second, and far

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## Warren Berg Stresses "Spirit With Good Material" For Success

New Coach Had Fine Record At Harvard

By KEN ELDRED

At a corner desk in the A.A. office . . . noise, confusion, cramped quarters.

"Appointment at one?"

"O.K., thanks."

. . . And at one I returned; sitting on his desk—the signing of papers, a four-year contract with Deerfield for squash, the secretary with her heavy sweater, the window wide open and cold, characters in and out . . . noise, confusion, cramped quarters. . . .

My man walked in—Warren Berg returning from lunch, an olive-drab duffel bag over his shoulder, probably full of basketball equipment for the frosh team. In winter, the cagers, large balls, slippery floors, a five-man squad—in the spring, bats and balls, an open field, a nine-man varsity squad . . . the coach.

### 3 Years at Harvard

Before he came to Tech, Berg had a three-year stay at Harvard as Frosh coach, his baseball team winning thirty-two and losing fourteen; his basketball team winning forty-eight and losing six games.

"It was luck," he says, "on the basketball team, Harvard supplied a powerful squad of tall husky men for those three years."

"But coaching is only part of the game. A good coach without spirit can lose games even with a good team. A coach needs good material and facilities—all must be together, without any one factor a team is licked." He takes coaching seriously—playing to win—and his teams do win. His freshman basketeers this year took their first six games and currently sport a record of seven and three, their three losses being by six, two, and four points respectively.

Graduated from Ridge Tech

Warren Berg has called Cambridge his home for most of his life; he graduated from Rindge Tech and Harvard Engineering. While within the red brick walls up the river he pitched for two years on the varsity baseball squad, being elected captain during his second year. His outstanding thrills while playing ball for Harvard was the defeat of the New Haven Bulldogs for two straight years.

Several years ago he was signed up by the Red Sox and farmed to Scranton in the New England league. His stay with Scranton was brief. . . . Then for four years he played only service ball, a la corps Marine. Part of these years Lieut. Berg was stationed at Tech doing research on radar.

### Summer In the Minors

Since the war he has spent one summer playing for Lynn and Providence to gain professional experience to use in his coaching. Now, he manages to squeeze in a few games with the New England Hobos in spring and fall, while the Cape



Photo by Honigsberg  
WARREN BERG

Cod League holds his interest in the summer.

As for time, we wonder how he finds so much for himself. For, besides his coaching and teaching here at Tech, he does publicity work for the Boston Garden, officiates in basketball games and occasionally writes a magazine article on sports.

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## Rifle Team Defeated By Maryland, Cadets

### Olympic Champ Notches New Record In Victory

The riflemen traveled far afield Saturday to meet the University of Maryland and West Point teams on the modern Maryland Range. Tech's opponents lived up to their reputation as the nation's strongest inter-collegiate teams.

Maryland, sparked by national and Olympic champion Art Cook's 294, set a new record of 1430. Army was second with 1406, while Tech was third with 1377. John Corwin and Herb Voelker led the Beavers with scores of 280 and 279, respectively.

Wednesday night the varsity met Norwich University at the Tech range. The Beavers won by a score of 1363 to 1345. This gives them a record of 15 wins, and, including Saturday's matches, 3 defeats.

While the varsity was engaged in the above matches, the freshmen were busy getting laurels. The junior team defeated the West Point Plebes by a score of 1348 to 1337. This lengthened the frosh winning streak to three. Individually Allen Tanner, Frank Gauntt, and Dudly Hartung won respectively, first, second, and third placed in the Massachusetts Junior Championships.

## Beaver Racquetmen Drop 9-0 Decisions To Navy, Princeton

The Technology squash team met two powerful opponents over the weekend, tasting bitter defeat at the hands of Navy at Annapolis, and Princeton at Princeton. Both of the matches ended with the identical score of 9 games for the winners to none for Tech. The undermanned and inexperienced Beaver team was unable to win a set in either match.

### Summaries

#### M.I.T. vs. NAVY

Eckardt lost to Vogt, 3-0; Staney lost to Gill, 3-0; Irigoyen lost to Bacon, 3-0; Drucker lost to Tift, 3-0; Chapman lost to Butler, 3-0; Rampy lost to Goelzer, 3-0; Myer lost to Moore, 3-0; Silveston lost to St. Lawrence, 3-0; Martin lost to Fishman, 3-0.

#### M.I.T. vs. PRINCETON

Eckardt lost to Pearson, 3-0; Staney lost to Clarke, 3-0; Irigoyen lost to Carpenter, 3-0; Drucker lost to Talbot, 3-0; Chapman lost to H. Scott, 3-0; Rampy lost to Torrey, 3-0; Myer lost to Prescott, 3-0; Silveston lost to D. Scott, 3-0; Martin lost to Garvey, 3-0.

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## Shubert Rolls 235 As Tourney Begins

The Dormitory Bowling Tournament got off to an unusual start last week when the high game of the initial week of competition resulted in the score of 235, bowled by Max Shubert of the Senior House. This score topped the 1947 and 1948 high marks which were 204 and 212 respectively. Shubert aided his team to defeat Barracks B in three games with a total pinfall of 2307 to 1979.

In other games, Walker beat Barracks A in four games with a total pinfall of 2365 to 1898 for Barracks A. Chuck Lusher of Walker had the highest three-game average of the week, 177.

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## Swimmers Top RPI as Pelletier Sets New Mark

Varsity Wins, 43-32; Pines Breaks Record As Frosh Beat Brown

Flashing plenty of speed and stamina, the Tech swimming team defeated a visiting R.P.I. squad 43-32 at Alumni pool Saturday afternoon. The Beaver mermen captured the first event of the meet and were never headed, in registering their fourth win against three losses.

The day was highlighted when Tech's Bob Pelletier set a new M.I.T. Varsity record in the 200-yard breaststroke event. His time was 2:36.6 which cut three tenths of a second from the old record which Bob himself had held.

### Relay Team Wins

Coach Smith's swimmers captured six out of the nine events and had the meet pretty well sewed up by the end of the sixth event. Starting off the meet, the 300-yard medley relay team with Emerson Callahan, Pelletier, and Carl Mellin racing, was victorious over the R.P.I. trio.

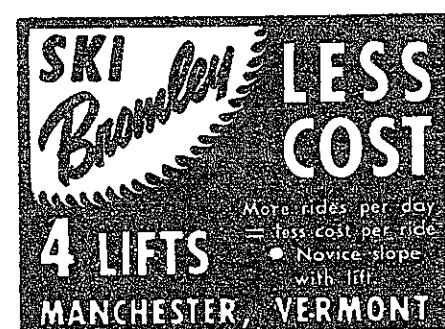
In the 220-yard freestyle race, Frank Conlin of M.I.T. placed first, with Cooper and Redlich of R.P.I. gaining second and third places respectively. Bob Edgar and Garth Coombs then obtained sixteen points between them for Tech by placing one-two in the 50-yard freestyle and two-one in the 100-yard freestyle event.

### R.P.I. Divers Score

Between these two events, R.P.I. captured a first and second in the diving contest. Guthe and Sheffield scored for the Trojans, while Lou Lehman took third place for M.I.T. In the 150-yard backstroke event, Stan Jones and Dave Roller marked up another first and second for the Beavers.

Then came the most exciting race of the afternoon with Pelletier just nosing out R.P.I.'s Gallaher and setting the new record. The Tech natators then picked up their final three points as Carl Mellin placed second in the 440-yard freestyle race.

After the varsity meet the Tech Frosh met Moses Brown Prep School and took them into camp by the score of 49-26. Jack Pines set a new M.I.T. freshman record in the 100-yard breaststroke event. Jack's time of 1:08.4 shaved three tenths of a second from the old mark.



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## Frosh Courtmen Whip Harvard, 45-42, After 51-47 Loss To BU

Meeting a pair of tough opponents on successive evenings last weekend, the Tech freshman basketball squad emerged with an even split. Warren Berg's quintet dropped a 51-47 decision to the BU frosh on Friday for their third consecutive loss, but came back to whip Harvard, 45-42 on Saturday evening.

In both games the team showed the effects of the long layoff due to exams and vacation, and the fraternity initiations which several of the players are undergoing. The play was often quite spotty, with missed passes, sloppy ballhandling and, as usual, poor foul shooting. However, especially in the Harvard game, there was also hustle, good

minute and a half to go Tech was leading by a single point, 43-42; and Harvard was fouling repeatedly in an effort to gain possession of the ball. The issue was in doubt until the final seconds when a basket by Herb Glantz insured the Beaver victory.

### Harvard Game Well Played

Of the two games the second was by far the more interesting and well-played. Harvard, led by playmaker Bob Hickey, had a smooth-working outfit which showed some really good basketball at times. The Crimson team had beaten five out of seven opponents before this game.

On the other hand the B.U. game

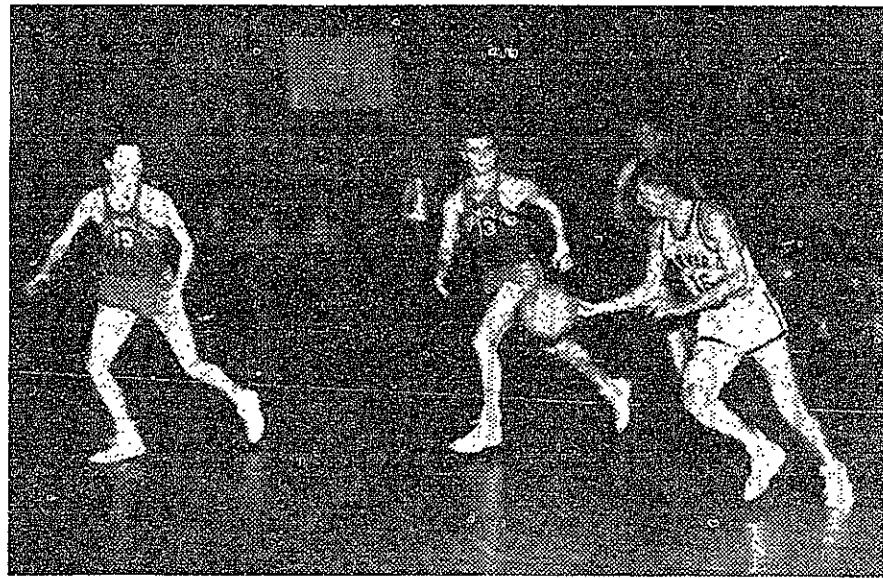


Photo by Honigsberg

Mike Nacey, (no. 15) of Tech, waits for Harvard ball dribbler as Herb Glantz, (no. 13) races to help. Lou Lee, of Tech, is in the background.

work under the boards, and some good shooting.

### B.U. Pulls Away

After an even first quarter, during which both teams looked very bad, BU began to pull away from a Beaver five which seemed to be dead on its feet. With O'Bryant setting up the plays and Butcher popping in baskets with monotonous regularity, the Terriers opened up a 40-24 advantage midway in the third period.

At this point the Engineers awoke. Two quick baskets by Mike Nacey touched off a drive which netted 11 points in a row, and eventually brought the Beavers up to a one-point deficit at 44-43. However, here the drive stalled, and O'Bryant's two goals in the last couple of minutes put the game out of reach.

### Harvard Jumps Out In Front

The Harvard game began in dismal fashion as the Crimson jumped off to an 8-2 lead. However, the Engineers soon closed the gap and two nice hook shots by Cliff Herdman put Tech in the lead for the first time at 17-16. Thereafter the game was close all the way.

The Beavers led, 21-20, at half-time, and during the second half the lead changed hands nine times as neither team was able to establish a decisive advantage. With a

found both teams taking turns at throwing the ball away. It seemed evident that the Terriers, whom Coach Berg's outfit had already licked twice this season, won only because the Tech team was in poor shape.

### Incidentally Speaking

Four members of B.U.'s starting five fouled out of the game in the last period, leaving the Terriers with only four eligible players, since they had started with but eight men on the bench. Consequently B.U. played the last 58 seconds of the game with four men on the court. As in the previous loss to Nichols foul shooting was largely responsible for this defeat; the Engineers scored 18 field goals as against 17 for B.U., but were able to connect for only 11 of their 25 chances from the foul line, while the Terriers dunked in 17.

Butcher of the Terriers was high scorer in the B.U. game with 21 points, while Nacey was high for Tech with 12; in the Harvard game Borah of Harvard led with 15 points, while Glantz of the Engineers had 11.

B. U. (51)			M. I. T. (47)			
G	F	P	G	F	P	
Caruso, rf	3	2	8	Garthe, lf	2	0
O'Bryant, if	2	0	4	Herdman, rf	1	0
Star, c	2	0	2	Hochrist, c	1	0
Wells, c	3	6	12	Nacey, rg	5	2
Kedden	1	0	2	Glantz, lg	2	2
Morrison, rg	0	0	0	Koegel	1	2
Butcher, ig	7	7	21	Lee	2	5
Tycenski	1	0	2	Thompson	0	1
				Strong	0	1
				Porter	2	3
				Jankowski	2	3
				Meusser	0	0
				Ven Alstine	0	0
				Di Lorenzo	0	0
				Saralakus	0	0
TOTALS	17	17	61	TOTALS	18	11

M. I. T. (45)			HARVARD (41)			
G	F	P	G	F	P	
Kassir, rf	0	0	0	Murphy, rf	5	4
Herdman, rf	3	2	8	Downey, if	0	4
Lee	4	0	8	Stevenson, c	2	0
Garthe, lf	3	0	8	Borah, rg	6	3
Hohorst, c	2	0	4	Hickey, lg	2	1
Nacey, rg	3	2	8	Switzer	0	0
Glantz, lg	5	1	11	Redmond	0	0
Porter	0	0	0	TOTALS	15	12
Jankowski	0	0	0	TOTALS	18	11
				TOTALS	20	54

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## Soph Elections Set For Feb. 23

### 41 Section Leaders To Compose Council

Since the Executive Committee feels that the Sophomore Council does not provide adequate representation of the class as a whole, the Executive Committee of the Sophomore Class and the present Sophomore Council have decided to hold new elections this term for the office of Section Representative.

Elections this term will be carried out somewhat differently from last year's. There will be one representative and one alternate elected from each course section, a total of forty-one representatives.

#### Nomination Blanks

Nomination blanks may be obtained from Monday, February 14, to Friday, February 18, at either the Walker Memorial Committee Office or at the Information Office. These blanks are to be signed by ten members of the section, or, in the cases

## Acquaintance Dance Features 400 Girls

This year's Dormitory Committee's Spring Acquaintance Dance will be held on Saturday, February 19, in Morss Hall of Walker Memorial. Present at the dance will be approximately four hundred girls, who will be drawn from almost all the local women's colleges.

Beginning at 8:00, the Spring Acquaintance Dance will last until midnight, with music supplied by Ken Reeves and his band. Tickets will be on sale all this week in Building 10 and will also be sold at the door, providing all the four hundred tickets have not been sold before that time. Tickets are priced at \$1.20 each including tax.

where there are less than ten members of a section, by seventy-five per cent of the total membership.

#### Deadline

All nomination blanks must be turned in at the Walker Memorial Committee Office on or before Friday, February 18. The election will be held all day on Wednesday, February 23, in the lobby of Building 10. Each voter will be given a ballot for his particular section in order to promote a smoother election.

## After Hours

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town vs. Holy Cross; Columbia vs. Harvard. First game at 7:45 p.m. \$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.75.

**WEDNESDAY, February 16**  
College Hockey, Boston Arena. Dartmouth vs. Harvard. 85c, \$1.20. 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, February 17**  
Wrestling, Boston Arena. \$1.20, \$1.80, \$2.40. 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, February 18**  
Professional Basketball, Boston Arena: Celtics vs. Minneapolis Lakers. \$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.75. Preliminary game at 7:15.

**TUESDAY, February 15 through**

**SUNDAY, February 27**  
Ice Follies, Boston Garden. \$1.20, \$1.80, \$3.60. Daily at 8:30 p.m. Matinee at 2:30 Saturday and Sunday, also February 22.

**AT M.I.T.**  
**WEDNESDAY, February 16**  
Varsity Basketball — M.I.T. vs. Brown 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, February 18**  
Radcliffe Concert with Musical Clubs, Walker Memorial. Stags or couples. Dance afterwards; couples only.

**MONDAY, February 21**  
Hockey — M.I.T. vs. Bowdoin, Skating Club.

## Coast Guard Acad. Exam Will Be Given Next Week

The next annual competitive examination for appointment to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will be conducted on February 23 and 24, 1949.

A candidate must satisfy the following requirements:

1. He must be a citizen of the United States.
2. He must be unmarried.
3. He must be between the ages of seventeen and twenty-two.

4. He must be not less than five feet six inches nor more than six feet four inches in height.

For any further information, see Major Bolton of the Military Science Department.

## (Laburnum Grove)

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As a matter of fact, the play was chosen not to be a starring vehicle for any one person; and since the result was excellent, credit belongs to all.

#### The Plot Thickens

Plotwise, "Laburnum Grove" concerns itself with the effect of the revelation to a very ordinary suburban family that the head of the house has been engaged in highly illicit business, "crook work," involving bank notes, commercial documents, and of course, engraving plates. The master of the house, played by Professor M. Stanley Livingston, is ostensibly engaged in the wholesale paper trade. In order to provide some excitement for his daughter who complains of the quietness of the Laburnum Grove community and to put a stop to a tiresome brother-in-law's reminiscences about how things were out East in Singapore and vicinity where he had spent some years, the paterfamilias reveals his past one summer evening.

There is a bit of to-do about whether or not he is really a crook or whether he was pulling some one's leg (or rather several legs). Actually, Scotland Yard has picked up his well-hidden trail, and he is visited by a certain Inspector Stack whom he parries neatly by an unshakable calm. By the time the plot has boiled thoroughly, Mr. Redfern is forced to ditch the counterfeiting racket (he would have preferred the term business) and take his family on a long planned vacation. In short, the criminal gets away, and the subtitle, "An Immoral Comedy" is justified.

#### Prof. Gifford Plays Adventurer

It's hardly a great play and by no means as full of laughs as last year's "Spring Fever," but it is wholly delightful. Mrs. H. P. D. Rockwell makes an attractive, post-adolescent, romantic, imaginative daughter of the house. And Mrs. Livingston does such a fine job as the long suffering wife of the boring brother-in-law that one is almost afraid that Professor Livingston really has a long suffering wife on his hands. Professor Alan T. Gifford plays the robust and talkative veteran of foreign climes like a robust and talkative veteran of foreign climes; no more could be asked of any actor.

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